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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under CFR § 1.97(b)(3);
2. Form PTO-1449 listing 128 references;
3. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under CFR § 1.97(e);
4. Form PTO-1449 listing 4 references;
5. Copy of 1 non-U.S. patent; and
6. Return Post Card.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, to serial numbers 10/396,914; 10/373,134; 09/784,619 and 09/618,352, and all references cited in the parent applications should be considered by the Examiner. Under MPEP § 609, no copies of these references need be provided. The attached Form 1449 lists these references so the references should be printed on the patent.

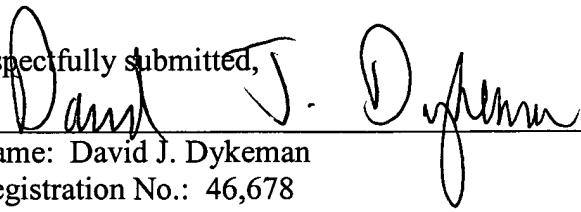
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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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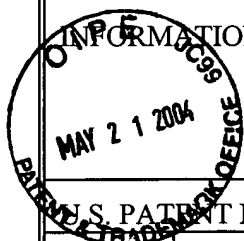
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	3,861,391	January 21, 1975	Antonevich, et al.	606	128	March 20, 1974
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A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

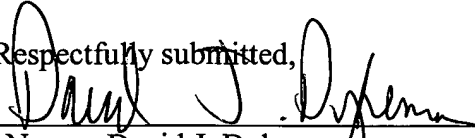
Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(e)(1), each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or International application. Because this statement is being filed within three months of receipt of the Search Report, no fee is believed to be due. A copy of the Search Report is included and cited on the enclosed PTO-1449.

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